SECRET PROCEDURE AT KU KLUX KLAN GATHERINGS IS REVEALED

(Continued from First Page.) verbiage was incorporated in the oath

"In warning: A penalty sufficient will be speedily enforced for disregarding this decree in the profanation of the Kloran.

"Done in the Aulic of his majesty the Imperial Wizard, emperor of the Invisible Empire, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, in the Imperial Palace, in the Imperial City of Atlanta, Commo wealth of Georgia, United States of America, this the 26th day of June, Bixteen, Anno Klan L. Signed by His Majesty

"WILLIAM JOSEPH SIMMONS, "Imperial Wizard." Oath of Secrecy.

My friend, King Kleagle, further quoted me to the following clauses

from the oath of allegiance: "Section 2, second paragraph: 'I most sacredly vow and most positive ly swear that I will not yield to bribe flattery, threats, passion, punishment, persecution, persuasion, or any enticements, whatever, coming from or offered by any person or persons, male or female, for the purpose of obtain-ing from me a secret or secret information of the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan. I will die rather than divulge them, so help me God, amen.

Section 4, eighth paragraph: 'All of which I have sworn by this oath, I will seal with my blood, be thou my witness, Almighty God, amen."

I did not, in reply, undertake to justify my determination to my friend, the King Kleagle; I did not tell him how I innocently had been unjustly subject to criminal action in the State of Pennsylvania because of gross defaults of the Ku Klux Klan and the breaking of every solemn bond and promise by Imperial Wizard Simmons and Imperial Kleagle Clarke, under whose direct instructions I had been

Not Afraid of Threats. I do not fear the consequences of

I feel that if anything were needed to convince the public of the truth of the attacks now being generally launched against this sinister organization, a physical attack on me would serve that purpose.

The only rumblings I have heard thus far have been mysterious telephone calls attacking my character, and an anonymous letter.

While "horseplay" is specially forbidden by imperial decree, as outlined in Series 1, No. 4, above, I must in dulge in that form of amusement to some extent in describing the Klavern, the meeting place of the Klan, where ever the Klan exists and flourishes.

A diagram, or building plan, is supplied to each Klan, from which the Klavern is constructed. It is supposed to be a cave, built in the ground, but this being impractical in most places. an imitation is constructed in any

Being a high headquarters officer of the Klan and enjoying special privi-leges, the portals of the Invisible Klavern were opened to me with me elaborate ceremony, briefly as

After donning my official regalia in the locker room of what is know as the "outer den," which is the first room to be entered, I would approach the outer door of the "inner den," and give thereon one rap and strike a circle with my forefinger of the right hand, of which the Klexter (outer guard) would answer in like manner. He would then open the wicket, a hole in the door, peering at me with one eye. I would then interpret the a slow long whistle. The whistle de-livered, the Klexter would demand,

would then give my name, rank

"Advance and give the counter sign," would be his command. Complying, I would give the secret word of the outer door, "White." If recognized, he would say "Pass." When passing into the inner den I would say:

Klexter, what of the night?" One of two replies would come. If any candidates were present in the outer den the Klexter would warn, Strangers are near, be prudent."
Upon hearing this I would completely enrobe, pulling down the mask

If no candidates were present and no initiations were to be done, the Klexter would say, "all are known. Hearing this, I would not completely enrobe, meaning I would leave of

I would then approach the inner door and give thereon four knocks, striking afterward the circle, a drumming with all the fingers of one hand. This is also known as "strik-

At this the Klarogo (inner guard) would open the wicket and ask "Who is it and what is your busi-

My reply would be: "I am King Keagle C. Anderson Wright, of his imperial majesty's headquarters staff, to meet with my fellows."

would be privileged to demand and to examine my imperial passports and official document.

If my second password be correct, the Fiery Cross.



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your right hand to heaven.

- OATH OF ALLEGIANCE -

SECTION I,—OBEDIENCE.

(You will say) "I"---(Pronounce your full name - and repeat after me) "In the presence of God and Man --- most solemnly pledge, promise and swear --unconditionally - that I will faithfully obey - the constitution and laws — and will willingly conform to - all regulations, usages and requirements - of the * * * * --- which do now exist --- or which may be hereafter enacted - and will render at all times --- loyal respect and steadfast support --to the Imperial Authority of same —— and will heartily heed - all official mandates - decrees - edicts - rulings and instructions - of the I* W* thereof. - I will yield prompt response - to all summonses — I having knowledge of same — Providence alone preventing.

SECTION II.—SECRECY.

"I most solemnly swear - that I will forever - keep sacredly secret - the signs, words and grip - and any and all other - matters and knewledge - of the * * * - regarding which a most rigid secrecy - must be maintained which may at any time — be communicated to me and will never divulge same - nor even cause the same to be divulged —— to any person in the whole world --- unless I know positively --- that such per-

be —— for the best interest of this Order. "I most sacredly vow --- and most positively swear — that I will not yield to bribe — flattery ---- threats ---- passion ---- punishment ---- persecution - persuasion in nor any enticements whatever - coming from or offered by - any person or persons — male or female — for the purpose of obtaining from me --- a secret or secret information - of the * * * - I will die rather than

son is a member of this Order - in good and regu-

lar standing - and not even then - unless it

divulge same —— so help me God —— " A M E N ! "

SECTION III.—FIDELITY.

(You will say) "I" --- (Pronounce your full name - and repeat after me) "Before God - and in the presence of - these mysterious *sman - on my sacred honor - do most solemnly and sincerely pledge - promise and swear - that I will diligently guard and faithfully foster --- every interest of the * * * * and will maintain — its social cast and dignity.

SECTION IV.—*ISHNESS.

"I swear that I will most zealously — and valiantly ---- shield and preserve ---- by any and all ---- justifiable means and methods - the sacred constitutional rights - and privileges of - free public schools — free speech — free press — separation of church and state --- liberty --- white supremacy - just laws - and the pursuit of happiness against any encroachment - of any nature - by any person or persons ---- political party or parties ---religious sect or people - native, naturalized or foreign — of any race — color — creed — lineage or tongue whatsoever.

"All to which I have sworn by THIS oath - I will seal with my blood --- be Thou my witness ---"AMEN!" Almighty God ----

You will drop your hands.

This is the terrible oath of the Invisible Empire, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan. In it the candidate and seek entrance to the Klavern for membership, appearing before a company of If in doubt as to my identity he masked and white-robed Klansmen, and himself unmasked, solemnly swears "I will die rather than and, in doing so, would make the "White Supremacy, Klan's Symbol."
When satisfied, he would say:
"Give the password," and I would THE OATH IS SIGNED WITH THE BLOOD OF It will be noted that a combination of the two pass words spell "White Supremacy," the symbol of the Ku Klux Klan.

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"What no State may dere to do."

> I was referred to as "Your High- to collect on Ku Klux Klan initianess" by reason of representing the tion fees.

I would then enter the inner room of authority, which would call an or klavern, standing erect, and give instant halt in the proceedings. the sign of greeting, holding out my right hand with fingers spread, the hand extended forward and above the level of my head. I would be answered in like manner by the exalted cyclops from the throne, and I would the throne and face the sacred altar now pass on and stand before the I would "lower the signs of se-sacred altar, facing the exalted crecy," that is, going through mocyclops upon his throne and then fac- tions the reverse of raising the signs ing the altar, its edge barely clearing of secrecy, and lowering my mask

great dignity, assume my place on the "allen world" as to everything that throne by the side of the exalted had transpired within.

cyclops, who, in honor of my rank, I would then give the sign of cyclops, who, in honor of my rank, I would then give the sign of would turn over his baton to me. I klan courtesy, explained above, and would remain at this station through-out the entire mystic ceremony of then I would retire from the klainitiation of candidates and formal. vern by way of the inner and outer

ities of klavern work.

The ceremony of initiation, as I I would restore my robes to my have said, takes three hours, and I locker, and to the outer world again assure my readers it is easily worth the \$10 initiation or "donation" fee, not to speak of the "beautiful ceremony" attending the getting in. The getting out is a little less difficult. and by way of extra measure, and initiation.

The ceremony over, or having be come tired, I would wave my baton he floor.

I would then, gravely and with that my lips were sealed to the

chambers without hindrance. There

Inflaming One Part of People Against the Other Shown As Part of Order's Purpose.

The anti-Catholic activities of the Ku Klux Klan are denounced as a rent number of the editorial sheet of the National Catholic Welfare Council. This service is supplied monthly to the Catholic newspapers and periodicals of the country.

Referring to the petition sent recently to the President by Dr. Wilbur Crafts, superintendent of the International Reform Bureau, asking him to call on all loyal Americans to with draw from the "Invisible Empire" of the Klan, the Catholic organ asks:
"What is this organization which the head of the nation is asked to

lenounce as a menace? "Answer may be found in the definition given by William Allen White in a recent editorial in the Emporia Gazette: 'A self-constituted body of noral idiots who would substitute their findings for the processes of

Purposes of Klan.

"Careful study of the pronouncements of the 'imperial wizard' who presides over the destinies of the 'inisible empire' will show that this s not merely the ipse dixit of a prominent editor and publicist, but an exact description in succinct form of the "According to this 'imperial wizard, one William J. Simmons, of Atlanta, former Methodist minister, who has money to spend for full-page adverisements in the principal papers of New York, Chicago, St. Louis and other cities, the secret order is 'deother cities, the secret order is signed to teach and inculcate the purest ideals of American citizenship, with malice toward none and justice to every citizen, regardless of race color or creed.

"None but a moral idiot would imagine that to secure these results t was necessary to emerge at midnight from a 'den' in a disguise crowned by a white fool's cap to ride through the hours of the darkness assaulting, terrifying and threatening his fellow-citizens. The average American desiring to inculcate such ideals would stand proudly in the public square at midday to deliver his preachments of peace.

Real Intention Shown.

"Of course, these are not the purposes of the Ku Klux Klan, and Simmons, himself, has shown they are not. In an interview given to the newspapers after a meeting in one of the Chicago suburbs, he said: 'The fundamental object of the Klan is o promote the doctrine of the supremacy of the white race. . . membership is limited to American gentiles. Jews are excluded because they do not profess the Christian religion, and we also exclude Cathoics because they owe an allegiance hat is foreign to the Government of he United States.

"Here we have the real intention of this 'self-constituted body of moral diots,' and here we discover how its members seek to 'substitute their findings for the processes of law.' They are banded to terrorize the negro and to inflame the ignorant against the Jew and Catholic.

Colossal Impudence.

"Moral idiocy alone can explain the colossal impudence of the announce-ment that Catholics are 'excluded' rom the Klan. Catholics are not pay ing \$10 for the privilege of wearing a fool's cap and making mock of the constitution of their country. The moral idiocy of his followers alone can account for the explanation for their exclusion given by the 'Imperial

"This 'Imperial Wizard of an Invisible Empire' has the audacity to as-sert that Catholics owe an allegiance that is foreign to the government of the United States. By this state-ment he seeks to delude the weakminded dupes who contribute to the support of his Invisible Empire into belief that American Catholics look o the Pope for guidance in political "This is moth-eaten fabrication, which will not hold together for any

who are not moral idiots.

Would Make Own Law.

"What is the position of the Ku Klux Klan? It nominates a purely political pope, who rules over an invisible empire within this free republic. It would teach 'the purest ideals of American citizenship' by Constitution a 'scrap of paper. "The Fourteenth Amendment to the Constitution declares that 'no State shall abridge the privileges or immunities of citizens of the United

"What no State may dare to do self-constituted body of 'moral diots' boldly announces its intenhe would answer: "Pass, Your Highis easily worth the war tax which the Government has thus far failed the law, but would make laws of its the interest of the moral

health of the nation of which he is the first citizen, President Harding would do well to meet the reproclamation concerning the Klan.

KIDS' K. K. K. LOCKS GIRL IN ABANDONED HOUSE

DETROIT, Mich., Sept. 17.—Children playing "the kids K. K. K.," stripped three-year-old Carrie Lee of her clothing and locked her in a closet in a vacant house here The child was found six hours later

by a policeman, after he had heard her screams. She is critically sick from fright and hysteria. MAN STRUCK BY MOTOR CAR

ARRESTED IN HOSPITAL Shortly after he was admitted to Friedman's Hospital yesterday, for treatment after he was struck by an automobile, Walter E. Davis, colored twenty-seven years old, of Manassas, Va., was arrested as a fugicive from justice, on a charge of house-breaking. He was removed to Washington Asylum Hospital,

THE KU KLUX OATH KU KLUX KLAN Woman Denies Klan Is DENIES THAT K. OF C. KLANSMAN'S BLOOD Lawless Organization | IS SECRET SOCIETY

NEW TORK, Sept. 17.—Elizabeth Tyler, chief of staff of the Knights
of the Ku Klux Klan and said to be he only woman member of the organization, tonight issued a formal statement answering accusations against the secret order. Mrs. Tyler's denials are in line

with similar denials repeatedly made by Klan officials. The Ku Klux must be judged, however, not by the public professions of

'menace of moral idlocy" in the cur- its leaders, but rather by the secret records of its proceedings and by its continual law-breaking activities. These records and these lawless acts nullify all that any of its of-

ficials could ever say regarding the aims and sanctioned methods of the diabolical organization. In fairness to the roganization. however, the statement is herewith

By ELIZABETH TYLER. (Chief of Staff, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan.)

I wish to clear up a few points

in regard to the Ku Klux Klan, which seems to be very much misunderstood. In the first place, the Ku Klux Klan is not a law-breaking organi-

zation as its opponents claim. The Ku Klux Klan will not tolerate violence in any form. We are for the strict enforcement of the law and not the breaking of it. All we will ever demand will be the enforcement of the law and in this we will be successful On several occasions the Ku Klux Klan has been accused of outrageous violence in the South and

West, and I wish to say positively, right here and now, that these ac cusations were maliciously false. The Klan would banish any mem ber who would take part in any mob demonstration or attempt to take the law in his own hands under any circumstances. Members Are Selected.

We do not accept Catholics or Jews into our organization because it is a Protestant-Christian society which automatically bars both. We do not accept negroes for exactly white lodge accepts them. Like all other first-class fraternal or ganizations we carefully select our

An applicant must prove his loyalty to this country to our satisfaction before he is even considered. Loyalty is by far the most important point with us; and, of course, you may be sure that good character is also absolutely

essential. Our main object is to work for the good of America and Americans and quite naturally those who are so bitterly opposed to our Government as it now stands are bit terly opposed to us. We glory in the fact they hate us. There are probably others, good loyal Americans, who are also opposed but we are positive this is befrightfully misrepresented. are an organization of 100 per Protestant-Christian Americans. We stand for all that America represents and for the just enforcement of all laws.

Against Bolshevism.

At the present moment there are hundreds of paid propagandists who are working day and night preach-ing anarchy and revolution in this country. Several of these agitators have openly stated that Trotsky and Lenin will soon take the reins of this government in their hands and rule the United States exactly as they are now ruling Russia. God

Practically all of these sgitators are undesirable foreigners and it is our intention to run every one of them down. We are not going to run them down and lynch them; oh, We are simply going to see that the existing laws, which cover their cases fully, are enforced against them.

Every one of these fire-eating fanatics is well versed in our laws, and the bare announcement that the law against crimes such as they are daily committing is gong to be enforced will quickly strike terror into their black hearts. They are simply imposing upon our extreme toler-

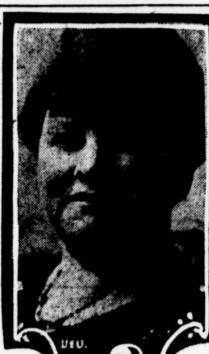
We do not propose to establish or to attempt to establish a supergovernment, as some of our oppo-nents have claimed. We are of the opinion that when a large number of the men and women of America are organized into a fraternal order, such as the Ku Klux Klan, they will quickly stamp out the Bolshevistic hotbeds and the anti-American agitations now so prevalent in our larger cities, and they will do so without resorting to physical violence

Feel Deeply Hurt. We feel deeply hurt by the recent

publication of parts of our ritual, which we consider our sacred private property. There is absolutely nothing in it of which we are ashamed; still we feel that it is our right to be allowed to keep our private affairs to ourselves the same as any other fraternal organization. The facts for the recent so-called expose of the Ku Klux Klan were obtained from two men who were expelled from this order and each has violated his sacred oath for "thirty pieces of silver." I feel the deepest spympathy for them. Surey, in their own hearts they must feel heartily ashamed of themselves now. It is quite apparent that these traitors to our cause were concience-stricken before finishing their "confession

Obviously, they have intentionally withheld quite a bit of what we consider our sacred ritual. Nevertheless, they have, in my estimation, forfeited all claims to self-respect, and, I believe, in the estima-tion, of most of the members of the American fraternal orders who have interested themselves in this cause. I am preparing a full and com-plete answer to all of the charges against the Ku Klux Klan, which

have been published. I am deeply gratified to find large number of loyal supporters of our cause in New York. During the past few days I have actually re-



ELIZEBETH TYLER.

ceived thousands of letters, telegrams, and telephone messages, some of them from the most important people in this section, as suring me that they believe in our cause and wished us success here. Retain Ritual.

We have retained the original

Ku Klux Klan costume and ritual out of respect for the grand glorious men who composed the original order and to whom the verse of these United States nies do seem odd to outsiders who do not look upon them with the seriousness that we do. The same thing, however, applies to all other lodge ceremonies or services. To the man who doesn't understand their meaning they all look foolish. To the untrue statement that the Ku Klux Klan makes a profit of four and a half dollars on every Klansman costume, I wish to say that neither the organization nor its officers have any financial interest in the factory which manu-faactures our robes. To those who see the paraphernalia of a Klansman the ridiculousness of this

RUM AND FISHING TACKLE WILLED WIFE BY CHICAGOAN

charge will be very evident.

CHICAGO, Sept. 17 .- "I also give suggestion to her that I have brothers, nephews and grandsons who are

will, dividing between his daughter saw there was no water in the hose and his wife an estate worth nearly when "the man" came to use it.

WOMAN LOSES STOCKING

COLLECTION AT DANCE HALL A gold bracelet, a wrist watch, tortoise shell-framed glasses and \$7. That was the collection that Mrs. Catherine Donohue, 806 I street north- his personal baggage. west, had in her stocking when she

Fourth precinct to solve the mystery. baggage."

Supreme Secretary McGinley Ku

Says Record Plainly Written for Anybody to Read.

NEW YORK, Sept. 17.-Formal denial that the Knights of Colum- church and State, the maintenance bus is a secret society was made by Supreme Secretary William J. McGinley of the Knights of Colum- ness are features of the terrible bus today, in reply to a public de- oath to which every candidate for mand by the Rev. Dr. McPherson membership in the invisible empire in the Tent Tabernacle, 110th street of the Ku Klux Klan must subscribe. and Amsterdam avenue, Sunday, that "all secret societies, including the Knights of Columbus," should e investigated.

"The Knights of Columbus is no more a secret society than a private family is a secret society,"
Mr. McGinley's statement read. "As Columbus is the only organization, tarily made public the obligation as-sumed by its members. Naturally, man enters the organization, as he enters his home, privately. The record of the Knights of Columbus s plainly written for anybody who s interested to read. There are no secret machinations, no mysterious persons or plots. The Knights of Columbus are and must be sane vancement of country and church. "The present furore over the Ku Klux Klan is interesting to principally because it confirms my belief that while Barnum was right

his statistics were wrong; there must be at least two born every minute."

STEPFATHER FORCED HER TO WED, SHE SAYS

Henry Dodenhoff, jr., of Detroit, lost his wife some three years ago he forced his stepdaughter to marry him in her dead mother's place, according to her testimony in an apdication for a divorce which she filed here, after making her escape from him.

"He threatened my life, saying he would kill me if I refused to marry him. I pleaded with him that such a marriage would be illegal, but had to do so to save my life," she testified.

After what she claimed was ears of horror, she escaped to Birchange her husband to her step- strike."

TOWN FIRED, BOY SAYS, TO SEE MEN USE HOSE

ANNAPOLIS ROYAL, Scotia, Sept. 17.-Fire which de If the vote favors a strike the next to my wife all my personal belongings, such as fishing tackle, guns, ber 7, with a loss of \$250,000, was the roads booze and wearing apparel, with the the result of a boy's desire "to see shall deal with them as a whole. I

This was revealed today when fond of wearing good clothes, of Thomas Miller, twelve years old. SNEAK THIEVES IN THREE confessed, according to the police, With this vein of conviviality, that he started the fire in the stable Cleveland tempered his of a hotel. He ran away when he

ANYONE ENTITLED TO ONE

QUART OF RUM, SAYS JUDGE PETERSBURG, Va., Sept. 17 .-Under a ruling laid down by Circuit Judge West, a citizen has the right. regardless of the prohibition law, to have one quart of "hard liquor" in jewelry worth \$139.50.

The case in which the ruling was west, had in her stocking when she are the case in the Sussex county court that a desk at his place went to a dance hall near Third street given in the Sussex county court broken open and two envelopes, one and Virginia avenue southwest last was not decided in favor of the de-When she was leaving the fendant, however. The jury found hall she discovered she was minus him guilty on the ground the whisky was wrapped in a sock, and a sock She has asked the police of the could not be construed as "personal for birthdays or anniversaries, specimen blooms, 1214 F.—Adv.

Klux Swears Providence Alone Can Halt Will of Imperial Wizard.

Class distinction, the separation of of social caste and dignity, obedience to imperial edict, and clannish. The candidate, in taking the oath, agreed that he will die rather than divulge any of the secrets of the

"that rides in the night," and

oath with his own blood. The oath is taken at a weird cere mony, at which members of the Klan matter of fact, the Knights of appear masked and robed, while the candidate's face is uncovered. The "separation of church and State" provided for in the oath is intended as an attack on the Catho

most terrible of all, he signs the

lic, who, according to the silly Klan propaganda, wants to combine church and State.

The candidate swears that Providence alone can prevent him from heeding and carrying out the instructions of the imperial authority; he swears that he will permit no ani mosity to arise between himself and any other Klansman, and that he will promote real Klannishness among the members of the order.

PRE-NATAL INFLUENCES **BLAMED FOR AUTO THEFTS**

BRIDGEPORT, Sept. 17.-Prenatal influence is blamed by attorneys for Robert Evans for the youth's uncontrollable desire to steal auto-BIRMINGHAM, Sept. 17 .- After mobiles. Before he was born, his mother had a great desire to own an automobile, the attorneys say, and the desire was reflected in the son. Evans, a junior accountant and the son of respectable parents, was arrested three times on the charge of taking automobiles. He was committed to the reformatory for a where his case will be year,

STRIKE TO BE RAILMEN'S

LAST RESORT, SAYS STONE CLEVELAND. Sept. 17 .- "The last ningham and is now trying to thing any sensible man wants is a strike," said Warren G. Stone, grand chief of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers here tonight,

discussing the crithe railroad field. "Members of the Nova brotherhoods will not count their ballots until October 10 in Chicago. approximately one-third of question to be decided is whether an attempt will be made to settle with the man put water on it with a hope for peace. I am making no

predictions.

ROBBERIES GET \$560 A sneak thief entered the bedroom of Albert Mayers, 655 South Carolina avenue southeast, last evening and stole \$400. Police of the Fifth precinct ere investigating.

George J. Brown, a guest at the Stag Hote!, 608 Ninth street northwest, reported to the police of the First precinct that some one entered Henry A. Jasse, 1930 New Hampshire avenue northwest, complained

containing \$18.56 and the other \$2.75, had been stolen.



The Autumn Exposition



Fall Suits

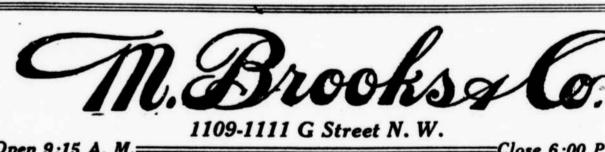
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